

## Laurier LaPierre Approves Action

MONTREAL (CP) — Laurier LaPierre, co-host of television's This Hour Has Seven Days, said here Stuart Keate's recommendation that the CBC issue an amplifying statement on the dismissal of Mr. LaPierre and his co-worker Patrick Watson was "very, very good."

There may be other reasons for the dismissal not yet stated by the CBC, but I do not accept as valid those reasons given for non-renewal of contracts, and Mr. Keate seems to agree," said the McGill University history professor.

Mr. Keate's report on the producer-management conflict was made public Thursday.

Mr. Keate went on leave of absence from his post as publisher of the Vancouver Sun to look into the dispute.

"But Mr. Keate's report leaves us exactly where we were," said Mr. LaPierre. "It can be construed as an admission that he himself could not find a solution to permit even the discussion of the 'gut issue'."

This, he said, was because the CBC had refused to negotiate on reinstatement of the hosts.

**REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE**

"Mr. Keate could not ask the CBC to review the actual firing as the CBC had already stated this. It came as a bombshell to me to find the CBC had refused to negotiate, because I thought this was part of why Mr. Keate was appointed in the first place."

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## Coast Guard Cadets Set For Cruise

OTTAWA (CP) — Thirty-two Canadian Coast Guard cadets, members of the first class of the Coast Guard College at Sydney, will board the coast guard vessel C. D. Howe next Monday to start their first sea training course.

The cadets are training for careers as deck or engine room officers in the Canadian coast guard fleet. The college opened last fall.

Until June 10, they will practise coastal navigation. Following a weekend in Halifax, they will start the deep-sea phase of their training with a voyage to Bermuda where they will arrive June 17.

After three more days of coastal navigation around Bermuda, the C.D. Howe will return to Nova Scotia, arriving in Sydney June 26.

After a month-long holiday, the cadets will continue their practical training at the college.

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## President Runs Through Company History

TORONTO (CP) — Shareholders of Gunnar Mining Ltd. were told here how their company got into deep financial trouble and the steps being taken to try to get back into good shape.

President T. P. O'Connor ran through the history of Gunnar at its annual meeting, from its gold-producing days through its uranium production and the acquisition of McNamara Corp., a construction company.

He told about 50 shareholders that as a mining company Gunnar had been profitable, but since the McNamara deal, it has had nothing but trouble.

Mr. O'Connor said the company's position in July, 1965, was "critical" with bank loans totalling \$45,000,000, and a number of jobs on the books which were obviously going to produce losses.

The company's bankers took a hand and bank loans are down to \$22,000,000 and top management has changed almost completely.

Mr. O'Connor said he gave his review because of a number of disquieting letters received from shareholders.

As reported earlier, Gunnar lost \$13,293,455 last year compared with a loss of \$5,923,607 in 1964.

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Father Kelly said the affiliation marks the first time in Canada that Roman Catholic and Protestant theology students will sit through the same lectures and be examined by the same professors.

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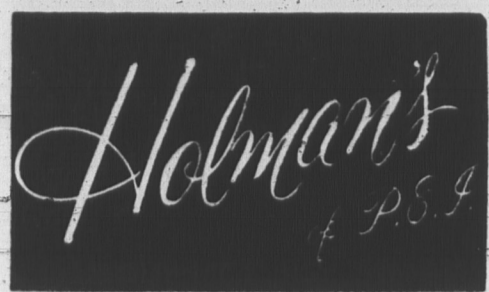
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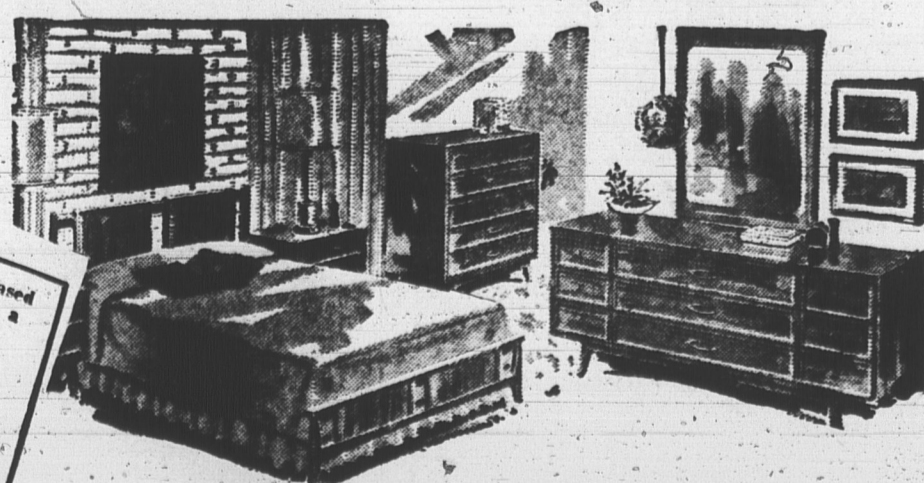
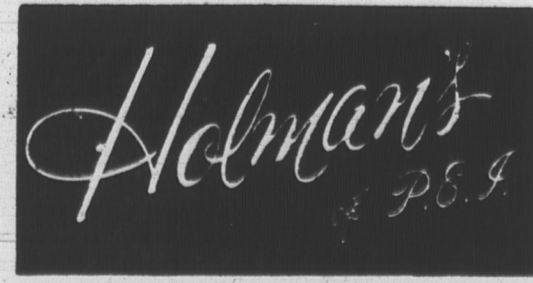
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